



March 30, 2011

<< Business/Landowner name>>

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Re: I-29 Exit 77 (41st Street) Crossroad Corridor Study Project PL 0100(91) PCN 033D

Dear <Business/Landowner name>:

The South Dakota Department of Transportation and the City of Sioux Falls have embarked on a corridor study for the following roadways:

- 41st Street from Valley View Road / Holbrook Avenue to Kiwanis Avenue
- Louise Avenue from 49th Street to 34th Street
- I-29 Exit 77 (41st Street) Interchange

The limits of the study roadways are illustrated on attached Figure 1.

Informational Public Open House

You are invited to attend the first informational public open house for the project on **April 12, 2011 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the John F. Kennedy Elementary School Gymnasium,** located at 4501 South Holbrook Avenue. There will be a presentation at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of this public open house is to record any concerns the public may have with respect to the above mentioned corridors and to garner public input to help determine the future look of the corridors.

Business/Landowner Group Meetings

We have divided the project area up into 6 separate business/landowner groups (A, B, C, D, E and F) as shown in yellow letters on attached Figure 1. These meetings will be held at the **Kuehn Park Community Center**, located at 2801 South Valley View Road, on the days and times listed below. Your attendance and active participation at the business/landowner group meeting is essential for the success of this study. These meetings are intended to facilitate discussion, ideas, etc. amongst a relatively small group of business/landowners who have a similar stake in the corridor study roadways.

Please note the date and time for your group in the table below:

Date	Group	Time	Date	Group
Monday April 18, 2011	A	8:00 to 9:30 am	Wednesday April 20, 2011	D
	В	10:30 am to 12:00 pm		Е
	С	1:00 to 2:30 pm		F

The informational open house and business/landowner group meetings are being held in physically accessible facilities. Please notify the SDDOT ADA Coordinator at least 48 hours prior to the open house or the business/landowner meeting if you have special needs for which this department will need to make arrangements. The telephone number for making special arrangements is 605-773-3540 or 1-800-877-1113 (Telecommunication Device for the Deaf).

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Preparation

To prepare for the public open house and the follow-up business/ landowner group meeting please:

- 1. Watch traffic flow on 41st Street and/or Louise Avenue near your business / property during peak traffic periods
- 2. Watch how vehicles enter and exit your site and note the difficulties they encounter
- 3. Watch how traffic circulates within your site
- 4. Observe difficulties that pedestrians encounter along 41st Street and Louise Avenue
- 5. Formulate specific ideas for improving:
 - Traffic flow on the roadways
 - Safety for drivers, pedestrians, and transit users
 - Access to and circulation within your business site or property

Improvement Options

Several options for improving the I-29/41st Street interchange have been considered and will be presented at the public open house. However, for improving 41st Street and Louise Avenue, <u>no options</u> have yet been developed; we need your input to develop the improvement options.

Timeframe for Improvements

Work will begin this summer for reconstruction of the I-29 lanes from 57th Street to 26th Street; one lane in each direction will be added as part of that project. Improvements on 41st Street and Louise Avenue resulting from this study may begin as early as year 2015.

We look forward to working with you on this study during the next year. Please feel free to contact Steve Hoff at HDR or me at 977-7740 if you have any specific questions prior to the public meeting.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

Copy to: Shannon R. Ausen, City of Sioux Falls

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